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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

BRAZIL.

Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, *March 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for March 1 to March 15 inclusive.

There were 533 deaths from all causes, being at the rate of 35.53 per diem and corresponding to an annual death rate of 16.35 per 1,000 against 36.53 and 16.81.

The number of deaths in regard to infectious and contagious diseases was as follows: Tuberculosis, 101, against 104 during the last thirteen days of February; malarious fever, 39 against 28; yellow fever, 28 against 19; smallpox, 13 against 6; influenza, 4 against 3; typhoid fever, 3 against 2; beriberi, 2 against 9; dysentery, 2, the same as before; plague, 1, the same as before; diphtheria, 0 against 2, and measles, 0 against 1.

There were 584 births—that is, an average of 38.93 per diem, corresponding to an annual birth rate of 17.92 per cent.

Bills of health.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: March 17, steamship *Coleridge*, British, for New York. March 18, bark *Amy*, American, for Baltimore. March 19, steamship *Horrox*, British, for New Orleans. March 21, bark *Auriga*, British, for Sapelo, Ga.; steamship *Maritime*, British, for New Orleans. March 22, bark *Conductor*, British, for United States via Barbados.

Respectfully, W. HAVELBURG, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *April 7, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for week ended April 6. The following vessels have cleared from this port:

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	Number of crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers from Belize.	Number of passengers in transit.	Total number of passengers.	Number of pieces baggage disinfected.
Apr. 5	Steamship Stillwater....	Galt.....	31	New Orleans, La..	13	8	21	15
Do.....	Steamship Esther.....	Stevenson	19	.....do.....	0	0	0	0

The sanitary conditions of Belize and the adjacent country are good. Four deaths during the week as follows: April 1, a child, aged 6 months, from acute enteritis; an adult, aged 25 years, from acute hepatitis. April 4, a child, aged 1 year, from inanition, and an adult, aged 32 years, from pernicious malaria.

Respectfully, J. GREY THOMAS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Reports from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April 4, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report my arrival at this port on April 3 from Mobile. Have instituted disinfection of laborers' clothing, and hope to have things running smoothly in a few days. Have made close inquiry as to the health of the port, and all reports are satisfactory that no contagious or infectious diseases exhist here at this time.

Respectfully, PAUL OSTERHAUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April 10, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a copy of a letter, dated Mobile, Ala., March 21, 1901, from the quarantine board, Mobile Bay, requesting information as to the health conditions of this port.

I have delayed making a report on the conditions existing here in order that I might be able to get full information from all the surrounding country.

I have an intimate knowledge of this port since 1895, and can say that I never saw it healthier, and from individuals who are in a position to know, I learn that the last case of yellow fever was that of Dr. Johnson, who died here about January 3, 1901.

I also take pleasure in adding, that the companies engaged in the fruit business at this port will endeavor to stamp out the disease; and prior to my arrival had endeavored to disinfect all premises known to have had cases of yellow fever.

Dr. C. G. Probert, who is employed by the United Fruit Company and has charge of their hospital at this place, said he would furnish me with a list of the different premises disinfected, but owing to his being out of town am not able to procure same.

The conditions at this port at this time compare very favorably with the conditions of the early part of the year 1900; but to this the important fact must be added, that no contagious or infectious diseases had existed at this point since yellow fever was reported in the year 1897, until it was again reported in July, 1900.

Unrestricted communication exists between this port and all the other coast towns, just the same as in former years.

Respectfully, PAUL OSTERHOUT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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